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MAPLES, DURHAM RUSSELL Application No. 09/629,749

DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: July 31, 2000

This is a decision on the Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment, received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on March 18, 2004. The deciding official in the Office of Patent Publication received the petition and application file on March 4, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability mailed September 10, 2003. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 2, 2004.

Petitioner states that on September 23, 2003, the Applicant had previously sent the corrected drawings, transmittal letter, and amended claims to correct an error in the claims. Petitioner has demonstrated that the afore-mentioned documents were timely mailed via certificate of mailing on September 23, 2003 and is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn. Accordingly, the corrected drawing will be accepted as timely mailed via certificate of mailing on September 23, 2003.

The application file will be forwarded to Examiner, Pierre Elisca, Art Unit 3621 to review and/or enter the Amendment to the claims, which was submitted with the corrected drawing.

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